

“§ 111-43. *Installation of coin operated vending machines.*—In locations where the Department determines that a vending facility may not be operated or should not continue to operate due to insufficient revenues, the Department shall have the first opportunity to secure, by negotiation of a contract with one or more licensed commercial vendors, coin operated vending machines for the location. Profits from coin operated vending machines secured by the Department shall be used by the Department for the support of vending facilities operated by the visually handicapped.

“§ 111-44. *Location and services provided by State agency.*—If the Department of Human Resources shall determine that a location is suitable for the operation of a vending facility by a visually handicapped person, the State agency with authority over the location shall provide proper space, plumbing, lighting, and electrical outlets for the vending facility in the original planning and construction, or in alteration and renovation of present location. The State agency shall provide necessary utilities, janitorial services and garbage disposal for the operation of the vending facility. Space for the vending facilities and service therefor shall be provided without charge.

“§ 111-45. *Duty of State agency to inform Department.*—It shall be the duty of the State agencies to inform the Department of existing and prospective locations for vending facilities and coin operated vending machines and to prescribe regulations (upon request of the Department) to promote the successful operation of the vending facilities of the visually handicapped.

“§ 111-46. *Vending facilities operated by those other than visually handicapped persons.*—Where vending facilities on State property are operated by those other than the visually handicapped persons on the date of enactment of this Article, the contract of these vending facilities shall not be renewed or extended unless the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources is notified thereof and he determines within 30 days of such notification that the vending facilities are not, or cannot become, suited for operation by the visually handicapped. However, if the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources within 30 days of the date of such notification fails to provide for the operation of the vending facilities by the visually handicapped, the existing contract may be renewed or extended.

“§ 111-47. *Exclusions.*—This Article is not intended to cover food services provided by hospitals or residential institutions as a direct service to patients, inmates, trainees, or otherwise institutionalized persons.

“§ 111-48. This act shall not prohibit the continued use of coin operated vending machines currently the property of the Division of Services for the Blind of the Department of Human Resources and now part of the vending stand program.

“§ 111-49. *Severability.*—If any provision of this Article or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Article are declared to be severable.”

**Sec. 2.** This act shall become effective July 1, 1974.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 11th day of April, 1974.